

Amendments to the Specification

Replace paragraph [0027] with the following amended paragraph:

[0027] Furthermore, in one edge section of the document pressing cover 7, an automatic document feeder (ADF) 8 is attached as a paper feeding apparatus for transporting the documents automatically to the reading unit. The documents stacked on a document feeding tray 9 are separated into one-by-one and are transported to the edge section of the upper surface of the reading case 13 by the ADF 8. After the image data of the documents is read by the reading apparatus in a standstill state, the documents are discharged to the document discharging tray 10 formed in the upper surface of the document pressing cover 7. In the document feeding tray 9, a fixed guide 9a is mounted in a fixed state, and a movable guide 9b is mounted such that the movable guide 9b can move in the document width direction according to the size of the documents to be stacked, and supports the document width to prevent the skewing of the documents. Both sides of the documents to be transported by the ADF 8 are guided by the fixed guide 9a and the movable guide 9b. ~~As shown in Fig. 9, the~~ The fixed guide 9 is disposed as a standard of position adjustment of the documents and faces in an orthogonal direction against a document transporting direction.

Replace paragraph [0032] with the following amended paragraph:

[0032] In this case, until the document D ~~are~~ is fed in between the separate roller 23 and the retard roller 31, or when a sheet is fed in, the retard roller 31 is rotating in the direction of transporting the document D to the downstream by accompanying the separate roller 23. On the other hand, in the case two sheets or more of the documents D are inserted in between the separate roller 23 and the retard roller 31, the rotating direction of the retard roller 31 is reversed, and the retard roller 31 rotate in the direction of pushing back the documents D of the lower side to the document feeding tray 9 side.